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**DSU awards Carr swimming and diving scholarship to Simón Pereira Muñoz**

**CLEVELAND, Miss. —** Delta State University is proud to announce that Simón Pereira Muñoz, a junior from Medellin, Colombia majoring in Commercial Aviation, has been awarded the prestigious Dr. Michael J. Carr Swimming and Diving Scholarship for the 2024 academic year. Simón, a standout athlete in mid-distance freestyle, breaststroke, and the individual medley, has made a significant impact on the DSU swimming program, securing top 10 finishes at the conference championships in both 2023 and 2024.

The Carr Scholarship is awarded annually to a member of the Delta State swimming or diving team who demonstrates financial need, maintains a 3.0 GPA, and exemplifies excellence both in and out of the pool. The scholarship, with a preference toward international students, honors the legacy of Dr. Michael J. Carr’s commitment to the university and its student-athletes.

Simón, who balances his rigorous academic coursework in Commercial Aviation with his demanding athletic schedule, embodies the spirit of dedication and hard work that the Carr Scholarship celebrates.

Dr. Suzette Matthews, Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director of the DSU Foundation, expressed her excitement for Simón’s achievement. “Simón’s journey as an international student and his dedication to both his academics and athletics truly exemplify the values we seek to honor with the Dr. Michael J. Carr Scholarship. We are thrilled to support his continued success at Delta State and beyond.”

Mike Kinnison, Delta State’s Athletic Director, also emphasized the importance of scholarships like this one for student-athletes. “Scholarships play a vital role in helping our athletes reach their potential both in the classroom and in their respective sports. The Dr. Michael J. Carr Scholarship ensures that students like Simón have the resources to excel and continue representing Delta State with pride.”

Muñoz is not only an outstanding swimmer but also a leader and role model to his teammates. With the support of the Carr Scholarship, he will continue to pursue his academic and athletic goals, contributing to the rich tradition of excellence at Delta State University.

For more information on the Dr. Michael J. Carr Scholarship or how to support Delta State University’s student-athletes, please contact Kel Lange, Athletic Development Officer at klange@deltastate.edu or 662-846-4300.

Cutline: DSU student-athlete Simón Pereira Muñoz (L) and Dr. Michael Carr's son, Mike Carr, an attorney practicing in Cleveland.

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**About Delta State University:**Delta State University is a four-year public institution whose nearly 2,700 students come from most U.S. states and more than 45 countries. Acknowledging its beginning as a teacher’s college, the University sustains excellence in teacher education while continuing to expand offerings in traditional as well as unique fields of study. Programs such as those available through the Delta Music Institute, the Commercial Aviation Department, and the Center for Interdisciplinary Geospatial Information highlight the University’s commitment to meeting the evolving needs of the students it serves with world-leading, industry-acclaimed programs. Situated in the heart of the Mississippi Delta, Delta State offers top-notch academic programs in business, arts, sciences, nursing, education, and more. DSU Athletics has won 14 national championships, 70 conference championships, and 37 regional titles.